

REMARKS

Upon entry of the foregoing Amendment, claims 2-6, 8, 9, 12, 13, 19, 20, and 23 are pending in the application. Claims 2-6, 8, 12, 13, 19, 20, and 23 have been amended; claims 1, 7, 10-11, 14-18, and 21-22 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer; and no new claims are added. Applicants believe that this Amendment does not add new matter. In view of the foregoing Amendment and following Remarks, allowance of all the pending claims is requested.

Applicants thank Examiner Diaz for initiating a teleconference with Applicants' representative on May 23, 2007. During this teleconference, the Examiner suggested including the features of claims 21 and 22 into claim 20. In a follow up teleconference, Applicants proposed the amendment to claim 20 set forth above for the Examiner's consideration. Agreement was reached with regard to this proposed amendment.

Accordingly, solely in an effort to expedite prosecution of this matter, Applicants have amended the claims as set forth above. However, Applicants maintain that the claims pending prior to the Amendment above include patentable subject matter as set forth in Applicants' response dated March 12, 2007. Notwithstanding the actions taken in this Amendment, Applicants ***do not disclaim*** any of the subject matter of this application and ***expressly reserve the right to file one or more continuation applications*** to pursue this and any other subject matter disclosed in the application.


CONCLUSION

Having addressed each of the foregoing rejections, it is respectfully submitted that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the application is in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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